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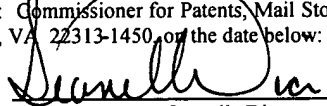
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed on March 13, 2006.